Losses of SEBs during 1992-93 in comparison to 1991-92

217. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what was the amount of losses suffered by State Electricity Boards during 1992-93 as compared to 1991-92, State-wise;

(b) what are the cumulative losses suffered by the SEBs;

(c) what are the reasons for mounting losses of SEBs; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the performance of SEBs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) According to the available information, the losses suffered by 17 State Electricity Boards during 1991-92, 1992-93 and cumulatively as on 31-3-1993 were as under :—

(Rs. In Crores)

1991-92	1992-93 (Estimated)	Cumulative as on 31-03-1993
(—) 140'39	(—)568.06	(—) 4683·73

State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement [*See below*].

(c) The major reasons for the losses of SEBs include unrealistic power tariff structure including for the agricultural tariff, non-payment of RE subsidy to SEBs by the State Governments, non-conversion of loan into equity, low level of PLF, high T&D losses, high fuel consumption in the thermal power stations etc.

(d) State Governments have been advised to undertake measures such as equity participation, rationalised tariff, regular payment of Rural Electrification subsidy, improvement in Plant Load Factor, reduction in T&D losses etc. to improve the finances of State Electricity Boards. Recently, the Conference of Power Ministers held on 8th and 9th January, 1993 also discussed about the ways and means to improve the performance of SEBs both in physical and financial terms and has adopted an Action Plan containing steps to improve the performance of SEBs during the 8th Five Year Plan. These include payment of RE subsidy to the SEBs in time, as also liquidation of the arrears of subsidy in a phased manner, reduction in outstanding dues, tariff rationalisation, improvement in PLF and reduction in T&D losses etc.

Statement

Statement showing the surplus/(Deficit) in respect of SEBs during the year 91-92 & 92-93 (*Estimated*) *and cumulative as on* 31-3-93.

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No.	Name of SEBs	Surplus/ Deficit During the year 1991-92	Estimated Surplus/ Deficit During the year 92-93	Cumulative Surplus/ Deficit as on 31-3-93
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh (A)	85·20	113·30	427·70
2.	Bihar (U)	—113·72	—234·91	—1238·04
3.	Gujarat (U)	69·84	—450·02	—425·65
4.	Haryana (U)	—228·15	—280·25	—1225·21
5.	Himachal Pradesh (U)	2·73	9·97	—101·83
6.	Karnataka(A)	24·30	—207·17	—366·5

1	2	3	4	5
7.	Kerala (U)	—34·73	4·61	—134·90
8.	Madhya Pradesh (P)	84·13	184·93	461·99
9.	Maharashtra (A)	124·32	284·49	638·16
10.	Orissa (U)	40·16	23·49	—41·33
11.	Punjab (U)	2·72	—195·40	—505·29
12.	Rajasthan (P)	—77·57	—92·99	—776·83
13.	Tamil Nadu (U)	84·38	—101·81	305·74
14	Uttar Pradesh (P)	54·00	354·91	—39·38
15.	West Bengal (U)	—92·22	16·95	—514·09
16.	Assam (P)	—174·58	N.A.	—1131·25
17.	Meghalaya (P)	8·80	1·84	—16·95
	Total SEBs	—140·39	—568·06	—4683·73

Note :—Figures for 92-93 are Provisional.
A=Audited A/cs; U=Un—audited A/cs; P=Provisional.

Restoration of Electricity Supply to Agricultural Land Farms in Sangam Vihar

218. SHRI N. E. BALRAM : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that DESU has restored the electricity supply to the agricultural land farms in Sangam Vihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) According to DESU, Sangam Vihar is an unauthorised Colony where some tubewell connections earlier taken for agricultural farms were being misused and theft of power was also being committed. DESU had disconnected the tube-well connections in 1990. DESU has not restored the disconnected connections.

Target and achievement for Power Generation during 8th Five Year Plan

219. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minisetr of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Government assessment the country's target of producing 30,565 MW power by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan period might not be fully achieved as reported in the Financial Express of 8th April, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the deatils thereof indicating the production as stood in the first year of the plan as against the target of 4500 MW power fixed for that year;

(c) what is the likely foreign investment envisaged during the year 1993-94 and the amount received till date along with repayment made to the centre out of Rs. 2,800 crore dues from the SEBs, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take or taken so far to ensure that the targets fixed under the Eighth Plan for power are achieved by giving top priority to this sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) The Eighth Plan envisages installing an additional capacity addition of 30,537.7 MW. The financial provision made is not likely to be adequate for the envisaged capacity addition programme. Also, though all-out